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SUBJECT: CONGEN VANCOUVER- THREATENED TAKEOVER

REF: VANCOUVER 161 & 213

1. ON MARCH 1 A GROUP OF 26 AIM INDIANS, MAOISTS AND RADICAL STUDENTS STAGED A DEMONSTRATION AT THE CONGEN TO PROTEST THE EXTRADITION OF LEONARD JOHN PELTIER AKA: LEONARD MIDDLESHELL AKA: YELLOWROSE TO THE U.S. WHO HAS BEEN INDICTED FOR KILLING TWO FBI AGENTS ON SOUTH DAKOTA'S PINE RIDGE INDIAN RESERVATION LAST YEAR. A DELEGATION OF THREE DEMONSTRATORS WAS PERMITTED TO DISCUSS THEIR PROTEST WITH THE ACTING PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND WHEN THEY RECEIVED LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT, THEY BECAME ABUSIVE AND THREATENING. ONE OF THEIR THREATS INVOLVED THEIR INTENTION TO TAKE OVER THE CONSULATE.

2. WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S PLANNED VISIT TO VANCOUVER AND VICTORIA FROM 3/7 THROUGH 3/10, THE EMBASSY FEELS THE THREAT SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. THE COMMANDER OF THE LOCAL RCMP
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DETACHEMENT CONCURS THE GROUP IS CAPABLE OF ACTS OF VIOLENCE

AGAINST THE CONSULATE. AS IN THE U.S., THE CANADIAN INDIANS HAVE AT VARIOUS TIMES STAGED SIT-INS IN VARIOUS CANADIAN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS. CONSEQUENTLY, THIS SEEMS TO BE THEIR PATTERN IN ENFORCING THEIR DEMANDS. FURTHER, PAST EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN INDIAN DEMONSTRATIONS TEND TO BECOME VIOLENT WHEN MAOIST GROUPS INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN THE PROTESTS.

3. EXTAFF HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE CONCERN OVER THE DEMONSTRATOR'S THREAT AND IT HAS AGREED TO REQUEST POLICE COVERAGE AT THE CONSULATE UNTIL THE EXTRADITION HEARING, WHICH IS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY. ALSO, THE AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN ADVISED AND HE HAS AGREED TO POLICE ESCORT IN HIS CAR WHILE HE IS IN VANCOUVER. ENDERS

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